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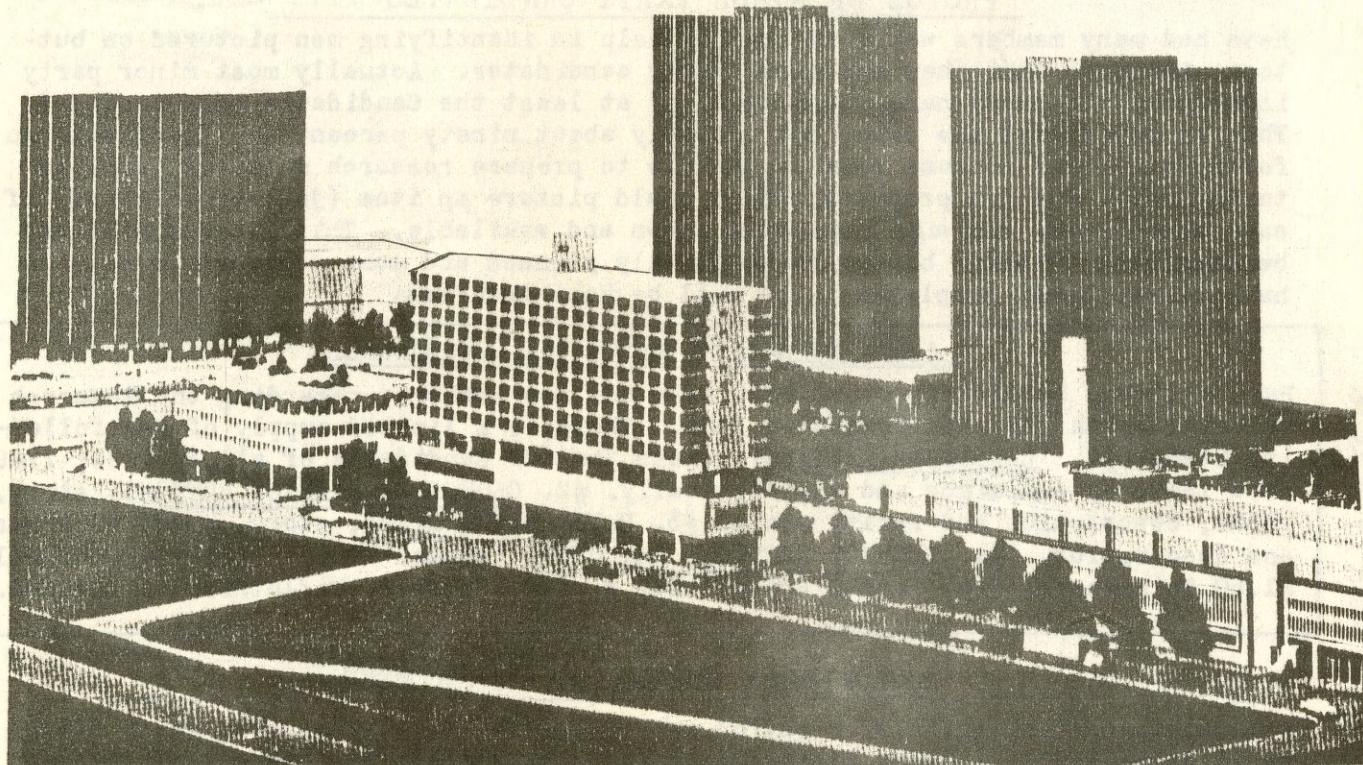
NEWS OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL ITEMS COLLECTORS

Spring 1964

ISSUED FOUR TIMES YEARLY

Chick Harris, Editor

This the Spring KEYNOTER, features our usual news plus additional information on our first APIC Convention, to be held in Hartford, Connecticut on August 21 & 22, a Friday and Saturday. Our Convention Headquarters is the new and beautiful Hotel America, in Constitution Plaza, Downtown Hartford, (see photo)



CONSTITUTION PLAZA, with HOTEL AMERICA in center foreground.

The APIC Nominating Committee has been appointed and is already at work. The following have agreed to serve: Joseph Brown #95, is Chairman; and J. W. Martin #152, and Hal N. Ottaway #35, are members. As you know all Offices are to be filled and they have a big responsibility. If you have a talent and desire to be of service to the APIC and our hobby, write the Chairman a letter telling of your interest and qualifications. With the continued growth of our organization, we will need more members active on Committees and various delegated duties. We have made great strides but to continue to merit your support, we must not be content just to continue what has been started, but to constantly look for new projects and helps to our collector, members. Your help and cooperation is needed more than ever, since we have grown and our hobby is being recognized nationally. A special Thank You to Joe, Jack and Hal for agreeing to serve, we know we can count on you for a job well done.

With this issue, we enclose the much talked about and eagerly awaited Cox-Roosevelt research material. Forty-nine items are pictured and described, of which five are jugs. Thanks to all who made this project a reality.....

PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFULS-RESEARCH PROJECT

Charles M. Williams #121, has again agreed to head an APIC Research Committee. You will all recall the terrific job done on the 'Presidential and Vice-Presidential Candidates of All Parties' which was completed early last year. The other members of the Committee are Stephen Bibler #138, Kenton Broyles #129, Webster Haven #131, Wayne LaPoe #23, Robert Lowe #174, Edwin E. Puls #53, Ted Watts #146, and Alan York #22. Their job will be to compile a list of those who aspired to the Presidency, and who actively campaigned and/or were nominated at the (major party) conventions. It will be a big job and one which is much needed by the membership and by libraries and other institutions of learning. Thanks to all for agreeing to serve.

PHOTOS OF MINOR PARTY CANDIDATES ????

Have had many members write to ask for help in identifying men pictured on buttons, in hopes that they are minor party candidates. Actually most minor party items have the party name, or slogan, or at least the Candidates name included. This is not always the case, but probably about ninety percent do. Even with so few unidentified it does seem worthwhile to prepare research material, similar to the Davis and Cox projects, which would picture an item (jugate preferred) of each minor party campaign, which is known and available. This project will not be completed quickly, but it is definitely planned and some preliminary details have already been completed. You will be kept informed.

APIC RESEARCH MATERIAL AVAILABLE

Have had many inquiries, especially from our new members, regarding the Research material which the APIC issued in 1963. There is a limited supply of the following items: #1. CANDIDATE LISTING, lists the 428 Candidates of all Parties, 1789 thru 1960, by campaigns and alphabetically. #2. GEORGE WASHINGTON BUTTONS, story, photo, description and rarity scale. #3. DAVIS-BRYAN ITEMS, story, photo of items and description. #4. KENNEDY SECTION- KEYNOTER, (winter 1963). All four for only \$1.50 to members, from Ferd O'Brien, 4142 W. 148th Street, Midlothian, Ill. 60445.

LEGITIMATE COMPLAINT DEPARTMENT

Complaints are coming in from button manufacturers, as well as from Party Hdqs., as it seems they are being flooded with requests for current and older buttons. Most are not enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope for reply, nor enclosing a small donation or offering to pay for the material. We don't want to make a nuisance of ourselves and we must remember we are asking a favor...to reply is a burden on the staff's of these organizations, so let's make it as painless as possible...sure you will keep such requests at a minimum. Sure some of the candidates feel the same way...but suppose it's like kissing babies..part of the cost.

MAY LOOK ALIKE-BUT

Watch the current 1 1/4" litho-ROCKEFELLER FOR PRESIDENT, with photo. Blue on white with red and blue curved bars between lettering...there are several varieties, just slightly different, from different manufacturers,-----the Lafollette-Wheeler jugate in bronze metal, one variety by Green-duck, other by (?), slightly different shape and lettering,-----another Lafollette-Wheeler look alike is the 7/8" litho, with the red liberty bell '76, in the center, one bell is considerably larger than the other variety,-----Landon-Knox 7/8" celluloid, upper half blue, lower half white, sunflower to left center, I BOUGHT A DOLLAR CERTIFICATE in blue in lower half; one has lettering in straight rows across, other has part of wording at an angle.....Here's one is always ask; what do the letters PTAP on the pewter lapel 'Bull Moose' mean...so far no one seems to have come up with the answer.:.:.:can you help?

The Secretary's Corner

by Ferd O'Brien - Secretary-Treasurer.

The first quarter of 1964 has been prolific for the APIC Roster; the heaviest since we took office. We bid welcome to the following:

Rejoined:

#43 Stephen Mansfield #155 Wiley Cooper, Jr.

New Members:

#262 Walter J. McMahon	#263 J. Raymond Hall	#264 Edmund B. Sullivan
#265 Bill M. Opie	#266 Bill Ross	#267 Richard J. Ervin
#268 James F. Opie	#269 Robert Ruppert	#270 James Crawford
#271 David E. Lee	#272 Jim Griffith	#273 Leon E. Johnson
#274 Harold R. Newman	#275 Edmund P. Potaniec	#276 L. Davis Jones
#277 Mrs. Don Feiedman	#278 Theodore H. Miller	#279 Ray Byrne
#280 Mrs. Eugenie Lydecker	#281 Henry Ramm	#282 Richard S. Bartlett
#283 Michael J. Nichols	#284 Lenard L. Babin	#285 Mrs Margo Russell
#286 Albert Scott	#287 Roy Safanda	#288 Sam H. Haley
#289 Roy Pedersen	#290 Miss Dorothy Scalise	#291 Harvey E. Smith
#292 Theodore L. Hake	#293 Kenneth E. Carpenter	#294 Don E. Loga
#295 Mrs. Blanche Pryor	#296 Joseph N. Dimmick	#297 James Bergland
#298 Mrs. Pearl Alperstein	#299 Miss Betty Anne Scalise	

APIC FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1963

Cash Balance as of December 31, 1962. \$354.27

Receipts from Dues and Sale of Research Material. 518.80
872.07

Expenses:

Winter Auction - Putman	\$ 9.32
Spring Keynoter	26.70
Code of Ethics	6.00
1900 Whitehead & Hoag Catalogue	12.00
1963 Roster Booklet	56.08
Candidates of all Parties Listing	224.30
Summer Keynoter	25.70
G. Washington Research Material	29.79
Summer Auction - Broyles	12.45
1904 Brochure (Photo Jewelry Mfgr. Co.)	8.85
Fall Keynoter	37.12
Davis-Bryan Research Project	20.50
Mailing Stickers	7.80
Winter Keynoter	36.60
Kennedy & 1900 St. Louis Button Catalogue	22.20
Constitutional Amendment Ballot	3.00
Postage for year - Harris	31.31
	569.70

Cash Balance as of December 31, 1963. \$303.37

Ferdinand W. O'Brien, Secretary-Treasurer

Fellow APIC,

This comment is from your President. Our added membership has increased our revenues and our expenses. Ferd and I have kept our pledge to you -- to spend the funds with care. We believe that the above enumerated expenditures are a bargain and in order to keep the expenses so nominal, much personal time and effort has been expended. Once again Ferd has refused to submit any expenses for postage, envelopes and other items in connection with his office as Secy-Treasurer--and this is a sizeable expenditure, I can assure you. We owe Ferd a big 'Thank You' once again for a big job well done.

U. I. Chick Harris.

THE SECRETARY'S CORNER - CONTINUED

From his boyhood memories, George W. Tabor #119, shares with us another Presidential vignette.

A VISITOR FROM WASHINGTON

On August 22, 1902, Teddy Roosevelt paid a visit to Hartford, Connecticut. The streets were decorated with flags and bunting, and the people turned out in great numbers.

Teddy rode up Asylum Street in an open barouche, escorted by Troop B Cavalry of West Hartford. The mayor and board of aldermen of the city greeted him, and presented him with the Key to the City.

As a newsboy, I was on the streets, and of course, in the thick of festivities.

During his speech, someone in the crowd shouted, 'Show you teeth, Teddy'. Thereupon, he grinned from ear to ear. He surely had a mouthful. Later Colonel Pope of the Pope Manufacturing Company invited him for his first ride in an automobile. It was a new Pope-Hartford.

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Nelson Chubb #165, sends word of a magnificent folio sized brochure entitled 'Long Remembered'. It contains facsimiles of all five surviving manuscripts of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, with an account of the preparation and delivery of this famous speech. It may be obtained from the Card Division, Library of Congress, Washington 25, D. C. Price is \$1.50.

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We regret to again have to report further 'fake' or 'copies' of political items. The interesting button with the 'Profile in Courage' photo for J.F.K. for Vice-President used at the 1956 Convention. The genuine, to the best of our knowledge, was made only in celluloid, and distributed among the delegates before the stirring battle for the Vice-Presidency between Kefauver and Kennedy. It is 2 3/16" in diameter. The copy is in the new enamel-like lithograph process, and is being offered by several sources, at prices up to three and a half dollars.....The elongated (rolled) cents of T. R. and Alton B. Parker and the 1860-1864 political and patriotic tokens in white metal are still cropping up--beware of these when offered, be sure you are buying from a reputable dealer.,....Have heard from several sources of reproductions of the Henry Clay cup plate in clear glass, it is smooth, pressed glass as compared with the genuine flint and sandwich glass originals. The originals have sharp and many times flaked edges, and produce a true ring, somewhat similar to the ring of cut glass pieces. These are very easy to detect.....Many of the old green glass bottles and flasks, both patriotic and semi-political are also being made, bubbles and all--again know your dealer.

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GOOD HOBBY READING

February 'Just Buttons' has an article and picture describing a hard rubber button of Grant & Colfax. Another showing the more familiar 'Stand Pat' button for T. R.. The January issue completes the series on 'Copies of GW Inaugurals', and features a story and picture of a thirteenth, small Eagle & Star button in copper. It is an excavated specimen, recently found, now polished and beautiful.The current 'Gold Bug' features Zachary Taylor, with a chart of the campaign of 1848, and a story on 'Old Rough and Ready' by C. W., the editor.....'Numismatic News' continues its interesting column 'Political Americana'. Currently it is writing about the men who manufacture Political Buttons and some of the Minor Parties.

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RACE RELATIONS

An early bid for the Negro vote appears to be a 1904 celluloid pin back. It pictures two men seated at a dinner-table. To the right, is Teddy Roosevelt, with Booker T. Washington at his left, and the single word 'Equality' at the bottom. It is 1 7/16" in diameter, and bears the copyright of P. M. Lacey.

THE SECRETARY'S CORNER - CONTINUED

A very current issue of NUMISMATIC NEWS has carried an article telling about our 1964 Convention and telling those interested, how to contact the organization....
...Incidently anyone knowing of an interested collector, not yet a member, should contact your Secretary-Treasurer for an application blank, which they may forward to the interested party. Will be happy to oblige.....One of our new, college student members, Ted Hake #292, writes that he will be glad to meet APIC members who attend the Worlds Fair--he will be a host at the G.E. Progressland exhibit.....

POLITICAL CATCH-PHRASES

compiled by Nathan N. Eglit, #20.

Half-Breed - Liberal wing of the Republican Party which opposed the third term of U. S. Grant, between 1876 and 1884 and supported Garfield in 1880.

Stalwarts - The supporters of Grant, opposition to Half Breeds mentioned above.

Mugwumps - Independent members of the Republican Party who were against Blaine in 1884; and supported Cleveland, the Democratic Candidate. Often referred to, as those with 'mug on one side and wump on the other'. Term has survived to this day.

Scalawag - White Southerner who supported the Reconstruction policies of the Radical Republicans of the South, after the Civil War.

Mugraker - Newspaper men or writers who were so termed by Teddy Roosevelt in 1906, referred to those who made wild and untrue charges of corruption against public officials.

Three Acres and a Cow - Populist (Peoples) Party Slogan.

Sand Lot Party - Group of organized workingmen in California from 1877 to 1881.

Short Pencil - Refers to practice once prevalent in some city wards. Party hacks would conceal a 'short pencil' in the palm of their hands and mark ballots for candidates they favored, or mark up ballots so as to spoil them so they would be thrown out by the election judges.

The 1964 Roster is again issued in booklet form. Some of you had written to say that you hoped it would be in loose leaf form on 8½x11" paper. Because we were able to utilize much of the 1963 'make-up' and since our President, Chick, thought that many would be traveling to the APIC Convention and would like to keep the roster handy, we again used this style. This will be one of the topics on the agenda at our Convention. Look forward to meeting many of you in Hartford.

Ferd O'Brien, Secretary-Treasurer.

The A. P. I. C. Convention

The APIC Convention to be held in Hartford, Connecticut on Friday and Saturday, August 21 and 22, is 'shaping up'. Mr. J. Doyle DeWitt #25, is our Hartford host and Mrs. Sally Luscomb #216 is our Program Chairman. Sally has had much experience with Conventions and we are expecting a real terrific job from her and her Committee. The activities will be at the Hotel America in Hartford, (see front page) and at the Just Buttons Museum in Southington. Expect quite a varied program, with a banquet, speakers, an auction, exhibits, booths, the America Goes To The Polls exhibit, plus our business meeting and election--two full days you won't want to miss.

The enclosed brochure from our Headquarters Hotel describes their facilities for you and the family--pool and all. Although they have set aside a block of rooms for the APIC, it is important that you make your reservations now, or just as soon as possible, using the enclosed card, as accommodations in Hartford are expected to be very tight this summer. Sure you'll want to be with the group and close to all the activities, so act NOW. SEE YOU IN HARTFORD IN AUGUST.....

THE 'LINKED STATES' G. W. -- FIVE FROM A COAT

by J. Harold Cobb, #201

I once saw a specimen of a 'Linked States G. W.' (Cobb #9) attached to a square of soiled cardboard which the owner valued very highly. Upon inquiring why, I was told there was a photostat that went with same, but the photostat could not be located at that time. It attested that this particular button was from a coat worn by George Washington himself. Stories like this are common and I was sure Washington never wore this button.

Later on I heard of another specimen which had official papers with it. This one stated that the button came from a coat found at Washington's Headquarters at Newport, Rhode Island.

One day in going over some G. W. data sent me to study, I found the real story. A photostat picturing four Linked States buttons and a hole where a fifth had once been, bore the notation, "Washington Buttons--cut from the coat that was left at his headquarters at Newport. In the center is G. W.--around that 'Long Live The President'--on the edge, the initials of the 13 States." Cat.#511.

Still later I ran across a letter written to a collector in Rochester, N. Y. dated February 1944, which read in part as follows: "Your postal received about thirty days too late for you to get in on the "G W" buttons. I am mailing you a photograph of a card of George Washington Buttons that was sold at Rockville, Conn. from the estate of Miss Maxwell where they had been a great many years in a large collection. When I purchased the card, it was necessary to allow the owner to retain one of the buttons, which the photostat shows to be missing. I was offered \$100. for the card by a dealer. The auction sale had been conducted by a New York firm and from them I obtained copies of their auction sale catalogue describing the card. Instead of selling the card complete I cut it into four pieces so that each button remained on part of the card and this part with the button I attached to a photostatic copy so that it showed the complete card with all of the reading and sold them to four different parties at approximately \$40. each and included one of the auction catalogues." Signed Horace M. Grant of Grants Hobby Shop-old coins-Empire Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

So now we have the full story to enjoy today--we'll never know if George ever wore the coat or not but is certainly makes these five buttons the more interesting. What fun it is to track down these old-time transactions. Another interesting fact is that a recipient of the book I published on G. W. Buttons wrote me regarding the comment I had made on the Linked States G W (Cobb #9), Mr. W. R. Giddings said, "I am the proud owner of one of the Linked States in this lot and have all the papers that accompanied it when I purchased it." (Editor's Note: Copies of Mr. Cobb's booklet are available, for price and further information, write Harold)

Several collectors have written to call further reproductions to our attention. Some of the 1 1/4" celluloid Smith-Robinson, Landen-Knox (name buttons) plus a new 2 1/4" litho of Coolidge with photo and others are appearing on a list of a Corbin, Kentucky Antique Shop. It seems some of the 7/7/56 Saturday Evening Post items from the Mrs. Damon Douglas collection are being made as pictured, even though many were not of actual size. Probably this dealer, as will many others, be taken in, so if you purchase any reproductions, return and ask for your refund--please explain why you are returning and report any dealers who do not cooperate.....Flaghouse, Inc, has reproduced a series of 'Old Time Presidential Posters', a Wilson and Cleveland, 1872 Grant and Wilson, a Lincoln, A Wm. Hy. Harrison and a Teddy (Bull Moose). Two sizes, 14x17" and 20x28" in color, so be careful.....The APIC thanks Ted Watts #146, for sending the enclosed Willkie buttons, so we may distribute to each of you..... John Gerber #125 has a fine suggestion regarding the proposed Kennedy Library and Museum. He feels that a display of Campaign items should be included and that the APIC could do much to help build this phase--will put this on the Convention agenda.

MINOR PARTY NEWS

THE THEOCRATIC PARTY has recently held its nominating Convention and has named Bishops Homer Tomlinson and W. R. Rogers for President and Vice-President. These 'Mighty Men of God' dedicated to 'Government Under God' will make an active campaign, speaking before many church and college groups. They advocate a tithe for country and for God. (Two celluloid buttons, one 1 1/2" the other 1 3/4" have already made their appearance, both are very similar, the 1 3/4 is pictured, at right.) In 1952 the party was known as the CHURCH OF GOD PARTY and Tomlinson and Willie I. Bass the candidates (no buttons issued). In 1960 some of the literature has CHURCH OF GOD PARTY and some THEOCRATIC PARTY, Tomlinson again ran for President with Raymond L. Teague for V. P. (two buttons known).....

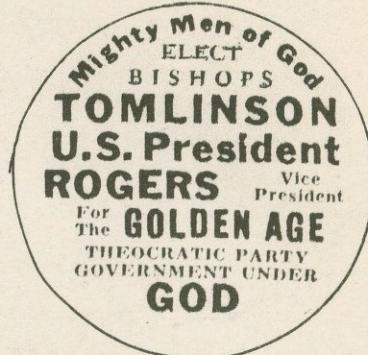


CLIFTON DE BERRY

SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY (Trotshyites) have nominated Clifton DeBerry, a Brooklyn Negro for President and Edward Shaw, a former Lake County, Illinois resident, presently working in the New York City area, for Vice-President. The party follows the dissident Communist line of the late Leon Trotsky and presently is centering its activities very much on the 'race issue'. It has been a firm supporter of the Fair Play for Cuba Movement and calls for withdrawal of troops from all foreign soil, recognition of Red China and Castro Cuba; and here at home for a thiry hour week, slum clearance, and recognition of the Negroes political and economic equality. The SWP first named candidates in 1948, they were Farrell Dobbs and Grace Carlson (no buttons issued), in 1952, 56 and 60 Farrell Dobbs and Myra T. Weiss headed the ticket (two buttons are known for 1960). DeBerry undoubtedly will be the first Negro candidate for President to be on an official state ballot, other minor groups have nominated but votes were of the 'write-in' variety. The SWP polled 13,613 votes in 1948; 10,306 votes in 1952, 8,148 votes in 1956 and 39,541 votes in 1960.....

THE PROHIBITION PARTY, as told in the Fall 1963 KEYNOTER, held its 1964 nominating Convention in St. Louis, Missouri last August. E. Harold Munn, Sr., of Michigan and Mark R. Shaw of Massachusetts were the choices for President and V. P. Their party platform touches on most of the current issues including civil rights, but stresses that the prohibition of alcoholic beverages would solve most of the world's problems. They are at present working to obtain sufficient signatures to appear on the various State's ballots; they are striving for 30 against 11 in 1960. The Prohibition party has fielded candidates since James Black and John Russell ran in 1872. Campaign items are available from 1884 through 1916, and 1924, 1940, 1948, 1952 and 1960. The 1960 vote for Decker and Munn was 46,203. The button pictured and enclosed is the Official Party issue for 1964. Additional are available at 25¢ each, plus a self-addressed, stamped envelope, from Prohibition Nat. Committee, Box 2255, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49003. (Button compliments of APIC)

(Much of the facts and figures about the minor party candidates mentioned above, was taken from the APIC 'Presidential and Vice Presidential Candidates of All Parties'. Copies still available from Sy-Treas., see another page.)



AMERICAN POLITICAL ITEMS COLLECTORS CONSTITUTION

(Revised 3/1/64)

ARTICLE I

Name, Area, Purpose, Fiscal Year and Meetings

Section 1: The American Political Items Collectors is a Not-for-Profit Corporation. (APIC)

Section 2: The APIC shall encourage the collection, preservation, and study of political tokens, medals, buttons, badges and all types of items pertaining to the election of President and other political officials of the U.S.A.. The APIC strongly condemns the issuance of restrikes, facsimiles, copies, etc., of all types of Political Americana, and will exclude from membership all those who engage in these endeavors, and publish full details of our disapproval. We urge all members to report any known sources to the President for action as may deemed fitting and proper. All members are encouraged to work closely with historical societies, museums, and other organizations that have similar interests in Political Americana, so that Political Americana may attain its rightful place in our American Heritage.

Section 3: The fiscal year of the APIC shall coincide with the regular calendar year.

Section 4: Each four years a general convention of APIC members is to be held, for purpose of election of officers and other business that may be deemed necessary. The Convention site and dates shall be selected by the President, taking into consideration the wishes of the majority of those who plan to attend, as determined by returns of a questionnaire sent at least ninety days prior to the earliest proposed date. Area groups of APIC members are encouraged to work together for the good of our hobby and APIC. Annual meetings of the general membership shall be promoted, with business that is deemed necessary by the President to be transacted. All APIC meetings are to be conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order.

Section 5: In the absence of the President at any APIC function, any of the Vice Presidents who will attend, shall be selected by the President to preside. Should the Secretary-Treasurer be unable to attend, the presiding officer shall designate any member present to serve in that capacity at such meeting. Minutes are to be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer ten days after the meeting.

ARTICLE II

Membership and Dues

Section 1: The APIC shall have the following classes of membership: Active, Emeritus, and Honorary.

Section 2: Those who are of good character and reputation and interested in the collection and preservation of Political Americana as defined above, shall be eligible as active members; emeritus membership and office may be extended in unusual circumstances, by a two-thirds vote at a duly authorized meeting. Emeritus members are entitled to all privileges except they may not hold a regular office, nor or they subject to dues. Honorary membership may be extended to those who have done much to further our hobby or the APIC, by two-thirds vote and are not subject to dues or may they vote or hold office.

Section 3: Application for active membership shall be made on forms furnished by the Secretary-Treasurer. Each applicant shall furnish complete information and must be approved by a member in good standing. Applications with the proper amount of dues shall be forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer and accepted members will be sent a duly signed membership card, copy of the Constitution, current roster and pertinent communications. All members to be notified of new or dropped members quarterly.

Section 4: Membership dues shall be \$3.00 per year, payable in advance to the Secretary-Treasurer. All dues become due each January first and all members are to be sent a notice of expiration of dues by December 20 and followed again by January 15. Payment must be in the Treasurers hands by February first to insure inclusion in the roster, which is to be issued by March first. Those accepted for membership after June 30 shall pay dues of \$1.50. Any member may be dropped, for good reason, as determined by majority vote of the Executive Board.

Section 5: No debts shall be contracted in the name of the APIC, without the written consent of the President. Supplies, stationery, and related items used in the conduct of the respective offices and committees, shall be reimbursed upon presentation of a paid bill; no office machines or similar equipment is to be included in this category, unless especially approved by the Executive Board. Annual summary of expenditures and Treasurers report to be reported to membership annually. Treasurer's books and records may be subject to audit, at any time, upon thirty days written notice, by the President or the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III

Officers and Board of Directors

Section 1: The APIC shall have a President; three Vice-Presidents, each of whom shall represent a different geographical section of the country; a Secretary-Treasurer; and six members of the Board of Directors. The Officers and Board of Directors shall constitute an Executive Board and by majority decisions may make major policy decisions and remove officers from their office. Vacancies between elections are to be filled by the President with majority approval of the Executive Board. Vacancy in the office of President to be filled by majority decision of the Executive Board, with the Secretary-Treasurer acting as Chairman.

Section 2: The Officers and Board of Directors terms expire every two years, at Convention time, or if no 'off year' Convention is held, July first will be the expiration date. All shall serve without compensation, excepting for reimbursement of expenses as outlined in Article III, Section 5, above.

Section 3: The Officers shall be responsible for the conduct of the affairs of the APIC, and have the usual duties delegated to their respective offices.

ARTICLE IV

Voting

Section 1: Ninety days before the election, a Nominating Committee, consisting of three active members, shall be appointed by the President. This committee shall present to the President and Secretary-Treasurer a slate of nominees together with their acceptance in writing, sixty days prior to the election. Any member may also file a nominating petition, following the above rules, if signed by ten active members in good standing, to nominate for one office or a slate of offices. The Secretary-Treasurer shall send to all members a list of all nominees, at least thirty days prior to the election.

Section 2: All voting for office shall be on an official ballot furnished by the APIC. Ballots may be voted at the Convention, or may be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer or his designate, if the outer envelope bears the members signature, APIC Number, and address; and is postmarked at least ten days prior to the election date. Ballots will be tallied at the designated time, during the Convention.

Section 3: All active and emeritus members, in good standing, shall be entitled to one vote. The President shall have a vote in secret balloting but may vote in voice votes, to make or break a tie; tie votes losing.

Section 4: Elections shall be conducted by the presiding officer, as the first order of new business, and those elected shall assume office immediately upon completion of the balloting. A majority vote, of those voting, shall cause election.

ARTICLE V

Committees

Section 1: The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee as set forth in Article IV, and he may appoint other committees as he deems necessary and desirable. He is ex-officio member of all committees.

ARTICLE VI

Amendments

Section 1: This Constitution may be altered or amended only if the proposed change is originated by a majority decision of the Executive Board, or by a group of ten active members acting collectively. Proposed change, duly signed, is to be submitted to the President and Secretary-Treasurer sixty days before vote. Secretary-Treasurer is to publish the proposed change, as well as the present section, to the membership, at least thirty days before the voting. Voting is to be by ballot, with each member having one vote. Passage by a three-quarters majority, of those voting, is required. The membership is to be notified of the outcome in the next publication.

SPECIAL APIC NEWS-BULLETIN

This is a report of the voting on the changes in our Constitution and the site of our 1964 Convention. The final tally is as follows: The proposed changes were favored by wide margins--Article I, Section 4 and Article III, Section 2 by over 93%; Article IV, Section 2 by over 96%. Since 75% was needed for passage, all have passed and a revised copy of our Constitution will be sent with the Spring KEYNOTER. The APIC Executive Board, who sponsored these changes, thanks you for your strong support.

The other important news is our 1964 Convention. The response was very good and the race spirited. Hartford, Connecticut will be the site and the dates will be August 19 and 20, or 20 and 21, this would be the Thursday and Friday or Friday and Saturday just prior to the Democratic Convention which opens in Atlantic City on Monday, August 24. There were almost twice as many first place votes for Hartford than any other site, and as many indicated that they would attend in Hartford as Springfield, Illinois the runner-up city; San Francisco was third in the balloting.

With so many activities on the East coast this summer it is not surprising that Hartford was selected. Because of J. Doyle DeWitt's fabulous display, known as 'America Goes To The Polls', Hartford is the Political Americana Capital of Americana for 1964. The 1964 exhibit will be twice its 1960 size, and this will probably be the last time it will be on display in its entirety. Our Convention coming at this time should make it almost a must for any serious collector. You can make it a part of a package deal--the APIC Convention and the A. G. P. exhibit in Hartford, the N.Y. Worlds Fair, and the Democratic Convention--all are within a few hours by Turnpikes. I surely hope you can arrange your vacation to be with us in Hartford.

Some of the Convention activities will be a real live F. A. auction, authoritative and informative speakers, a banquet, election of officers, trading and buying sessions, etc. Let us know what you expect and we'll try to please the majority, you can be assured of that. The balloting indicated that there will be a good representation from all parts of the country, so to meet old friends, or make lots of new ones, its Hartford in August 1964. The Spring KEYNOTER will give further details and will include a questioner as to whom will attend, and what you'd like to see included on the agenda.

Our Secretary Treasurer, Ferd O'Brien has asked me to remind you that your 1964 dues are past due and if you wish to be included on our 1964 roster you'll have to send your payment promptly. Actually there is no better time than the present--send your \$5.00 to Ferd now, before you put it off again. If you are in doubt as to having paid your dues, heres an easy way to tell--if your 1964 membership card is not enclosed with this news-bulletin you have not paid. So if you want to be a part of all the APIC activities and receive the KEYNOTER, the forth-coming Cox-Roosevelt research material and lots more--send your dues NOW.

Neither Ferd nor I have been able to write each of you, who wrote to say how pleased you were with the APIC activities. We want you to know that we do appreciate your telling us that we are on the right track and working along the lines which you had indicated to us that you preferred. Thanks again and we want you to know that this helps make the mid-night oil seem so worthwhile.

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APIC President

Ferd

Ferdinand O'Brien
APIC Secretary-Treasurer

P. S. Enclosed is the Winter 1963-64, price guide as promised in a recent KEYNOTER. You will note increases in value of many items over our last guide. Some are rather sizeable, others have not advanced at all, but the majority have moved upward. This is strictly a guide which the newer collectors should find especially helpful, we hope you find it so.

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THE JAMES M. COX-FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT CAMPAIGN OF 1920.

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The 1920 standard bearers of the Democratic Party were James M. Cox, the capable but rather colorless Governor of Ohio and a young man from the State of New York, the Under-Secretary of the Navy, Franklin D. Roosevelt. Yes, this was the same FDR, who would twelve years later be elected to the Presidency and who would become either a 'saint' or a 'devil', depending on one's political philosophy.

The country had just emerged from World War I when President Wilson was stricken with a lingering illness which resulted in a pronounced leadership void. With the rejection of the League of Nations by the Republican Congress, the disheartened and disorganized Democrats could see that a tough campaign lay ahead. As if they did not have enough troubles of the known variety, the appearance of a large new group of potential voters, the Women of the U. S., whose political allegiance was unknown was to be a factor.

The Nineteenth Amendment had been ratified on August 26, 1920, thus culminating the long struggle for Woman Suffrage which had first begun on an organized basis in 1848. The first woman candidate for President, Victoria C. Woodhull in 1872 and Belva Lockwood who ran in 1884 and 1888, on the Equal Rights Party ticket, gave notice that women were still second-class citizens. The greatest Woman Suffragist was Susan B. Anthony and she and a hard-core group kept the cause in the fore-front for years, it was a long up-hill struggle.

It is felt that the women voters had much to do with the Republican landslide--seems they were voting out the 'war party', the Democrats. The Republican candidates were Warren G. Harding, also of Ohio and Calvin Coolidge. Both were relatively unknown and did little campaigning, but won handily--the Republican cry, 'Back to Normalcy' did the trick--the Nation was ready for a change.

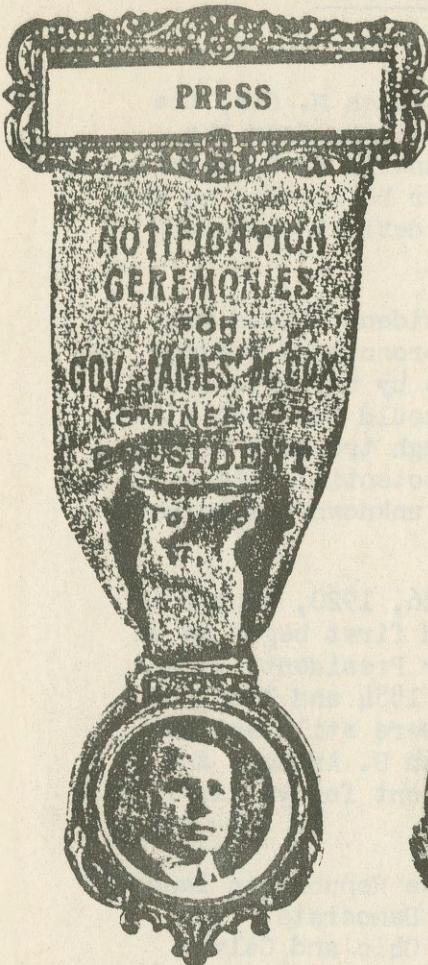
1920 was the year that saw Eugene V. Debs, the Socialist, run for his fifth and last time. He was in jail when nominated, and the 'Convict' buttons, showing him in a prison uniform with the prison bars in full view, were worn by his admirers, of which he had many, for he polled 919,799 votes.

There was no profusion of political campaign items for any candidate. One would imagine that there would have been a large group of items, such as thimbles, pin-cushions, and other household gadgets issued to woo the woman voter. There actually is almost nothing of this type; could it be that the men refused to take the women as a serious threat to their long dominance of the political arena?

The more common Cox items were pewter lapel studs, depicting a rooster (Cock-Cox) and many had an outer band with the caption, 'I will crow in November'. Well, there was little for the Democrats to crow about, it was the Republicans who could crow. Small, one-half and five-eighths inch pin-backs, the painted tin lithos, were seen and political watch fobs made a come-back. Pin-backs picturing both Cox and Roosevelt were almost conspicuous by their absence and large showy items were definitely taboo. One might say, it was a rather colorless campaign, with items to match.

James M. Cox and Franklin D. Roosevelt
1920 Democratic Candidates
Popular Vote, 9,147,353
Electoral Vote, 127
Carried 11 States

COX-ROOSEVELT POLITICAL CAMPAIGN ITEMS, IDENTIFIED BY APIC NUMBERS.



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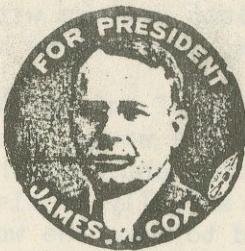
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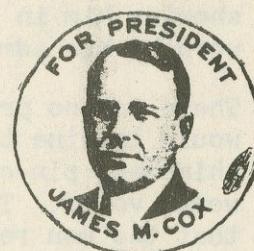
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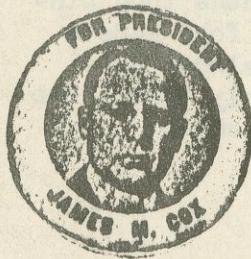
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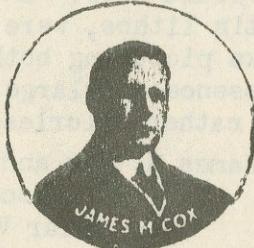
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DESCRIPTION OF COX-ROOSEVELT CAMPAIGN ITEMS PICTURED ON PAGES 2 & 3.

| APIC # | SIZE - DESCRIPTION - AND MANUFACTURER |
|---------------|---|
| 1920 D 1 | 5" Press Badge: Blue ribbon with gold lettering NOTIFICATION CEREMONIES FOR GOV. JAMES M. COX, NOMINEE FOR PRESIDENT, DAYTON, OHIO, AUG. 7, 1920; below is heavy metal fob with 1" celluloid photo of Cox in black to right front. |
| 1920 D 2 | 1 1/4" celluloid fob: Oval sepia photo of Cox to left front, imposed over shield with blue field, white and red stripes on cream background. Sepia donkey heads to right and left, dark sepia border. (Mfgr. ?) |
| 1920 D 3 | 1 1/4 x 1 11/16" metal fob: High relief jugs images of Cox & Roosevelt facing slightly. Shield background with branches to either side; 1920 in lower center, COX AND ROOSEVELT across bottom. (Mfgr. ?) |
| 1920 D 4 | 1 1/4 x 1 9/16" stamped brass fob: Jugs images of Cox & Roosevelt in ovals with names beneath; at top a spread eagle perched on a dome; stars, olive branches and arrows surround; E PLURIBUS over oval of Cox, UNUM over oval of FDR; tree branches to either side, fasces and axe between ovals, OUR CHOICE across bottom. (Mfgr. ?) |
| 1920 D 5 | 1 9/16" metal fob: Dark copper border, in center is 15/16" sepia celluloid photo of Cox to left front with JAMES M. COX in frame at bottom; upper two-thirds of metal border has raised draped flag background, lower third has shield with 3 stars and 9 stripes in center, 6 oak leaves to left and 6 holly & berry to right. (Mfgr. ?) |
| 1920 D 6 | 1 1/4" leather fob: Fob has 1" celluloid button in center, photo to right front; at top in hand-drawn frame FOR PRESIDENT, below in hand-drawn frame is JAMES M. COX, circle of dots surround photo; black on white. (Mfgr. ?) |
| 1920 D 7 | 1 1/4" celluloid pin back: Black photo to left front, around PEACE - PROGRESS - PROSPERITY FOR PRESIDENT in black. (Union label near rim, Whitehead & Hoag) |
| 1920 D 8 | 1 1/4" celluloid: Greyish black photo to left front, COX FOR PRESIDENT around lower half edge. (Union label, Chicago 232 on underside border) |
| 1920 D 9 | 1 1/4" celluloid: Photo to left front, FOR PRESIDENT in white at top, JAMES M. COX followed by union label at right; dark grey & white (Bastian Bros. Co., Rochester, N.Y. on underside border). |
| 1920 D 10 | 1 1/4" celluloid: same as 1920 D 8, except colors reversed. (Bastian Bros.) |
| 1920 D 11 | 1 1/4" celluloid: Photo to front in grey circle, at top FOR PRESIDENT, below JAMES M. COX; black & white. (On lower rim, union label 45A and CPTU & UNY ?) |
| 1920 D 12 | 1 1/4" celluloid: Grey black photo to front left with - JAMES M. COX - below, border of narrow horizontal lines with a wide and thin circular band near outer edge. (Mfgr. ?, oval union label stamped into metal backing.) |
| 1920 D 13 | 1 1/4" celluloid: Black photo to quarter right, JAMES M COX below in white letters. (Mfgr. ?, C) Harris & Ewing on border) |
| 1920 D 14 | 1 1/4" celluloid: Large photo of Cox to quarter right, black & white (St. Louis Button Co.) |
| 1920 D 15 | 1" celluloid: Same as celluloid part of 1920 D 5. (Pin back) (Mfgr. ?) |
| 1920 D 16 | 15/16" celluloid: Jugs photos facing slightly in blue, COX - ROOSEVELT and CLUB in red on white background. (W. E. Shafer & Co. on border) |
| 1920 D 17 | 7/8" celluloid: Jugs photos facing slightly, COX AND ROOSEVELT below, light sepia & white. (Baker, Harris & Ewing on border - Whitehead & Hoag) |
| 1920 D 18 | 7/8" celluloid: Jugs photos facing slightly, AMERICANIZE AMERICA above, VOTE FOR COX AND ROOSEVELT below; grey black & white. (Whitehead & Hoag) |
| 1920 D 19 | 7/8" celluloid: Photo to left front, COX above, FOR PRESIDENT below, grey black & white. (Pilgrim Specialty Co., union label, Malden Mass on border) |
| 1920 D 20 | 7/8" celluloid: Photo to left front, COX FOR PRESIDENT around outer edge, black on creme. (Large union label below, Chicago 232) |
| 1920 D 21 | 7/8" celluloid: Photo to right front, JAMES M. COX below on dark background, reddish sepia color. (C) Baker on border, Whitehead & Hoag) |
| 1920 D 22 | 1" celluloid lapel flip over: Obverse "WHY NOT" and (large) ?, Holed at top center for string. Reverse, photo to right front, JAMES M. COX in frame below, black on white, clasp pin attached. (C) Baker below name, Whitehead & Hoag) |
| 1920 D 23 | 1/4" celluloid: Same as 1920 D 7. |
| 1920 D 24 | 7/8" celluloid: Red, white & blue stripes, COX in black lettering. (Mfgr. ?) |
| 1920 D 25 | 1/4" celluloid: COX in white within circle of red, surrounded by dark blue, AND ROOSEVELT in Old English Script lettering. (paper label, Coshocton Local #19) |
| 1920 D 26 | 3/4" celluloid: Blue, white & red stripes, COX in dark blue lettering. (Whitehead & Hoag) |
| 1920 D 27 | 5/8" celluloid: Red, white & blue stripes, COX in light blue lettering. (St. Louis Button Co.) |
| 1920 D 28 | 5/8" celluloid: Red, white & blue stripes, COX AND ROOSEVELT in blue lettering. (Mfgr. ?) |
| 1920 D 29 | 9/16" lithograph: COX in bold letters, white on dark blue. (Union label of Coshocton, Ohio stamped into metal, reverse) |
| 1920 D 30 | 9/16" lithograph: COX in large white letters, AND ROOSEVELT in red superimposed horizontally at slight angle thereon, balance in blue. (J. L. Lynch, Chicago) |
| 1920 D 31 | 9/16" lithograph: Same as 1920 D 30 but red background with blue stripe. |
| 1920 D 32 | 9/16" lithograph: COX and two horizontal lines above & below in red superimposed over AND ROOSEVELT in blue, on white background. (J. L. Lynch, Chicago) |
| 1920 D 33 | 9/16" lapel stud: COX above, ROOSEVELT below, figure of donkey in center, white enamel on brass. (Mfgr. ?) |
| 1920 D 34 | 9/16" lithograph: COXSURE in white on blue background. (J. L. Lynch, Chicago) |
| 1920 D 35 | 1/2" celluloid: Unusual style lettering, COX, in blue on white. (The Erickson Co., Pittsburgh) |
| 1920 D 36 | 1/2" celluloid: COX in white on red representing map of Ohio, balance is dark blue, except for white Union label below. (Whitehead & Hoag) |
| 1920 D 37 | 1/2" lithograph: JIM in red lettering, red border, white background. (Mfgr. ?) |
| 1920 D 38 | 7/16" celluloid: JIM COX and union label 3, in white on red. (Mfgr. ?) |
| 1920 D 39 | 7/16" celluloid: JIM COX and union label in blue on white. (Mfgr. ?) |
| 1920 D 40 | 7/16" celluloid: JIM COX and union label 3, in white on blue. (Mfgr. ?) |
| 1920 D 41 | 7/8" Pewter (white metal, lapel stud) Rooster: Rooster in center surrounded by a rim with I WILL CROW IN NOVEMBER in incised lettering, COX also incised on body of rooster standing on a fence rail. (Mfgr. ?) |
| 1920 D 42 | 7/8" Pewter Rooster: Very similar to 1920 D 41 but COX is in raised rather than incised lettering. (Mfgr. ?) |
| 1920 D 43 | 7/8" Pewter Rooster: Item rather similar to 1920 D 41 & 42 but I WILL CROW IN NOVEMBER on rim is in raised wider spaced lettering and wing of rooster is shown rather than lettering, no open space between legs, no fence rail. (Mfgr. ?) |
| 1920 D 44 | 9/16" Pewter (pin attached) Rooster: COX is in raised lettering, a metal loop appears between neck & tail feathers to which a straight pin has been bent & affixed, rooster stands on fence rail. (Mfgr. ?) |
| 1920 D 45 | 9/16" Pewter (lapel stud) Rooster: Very similar to 1920 D 44, but has a stud back, COX in larger lettering, & open space between legs, longer fence rail. (Mfgr. ?) |
| 1920 D 46 | 5/8 x 11/16" Pewter (lapel stud) Rooster: COX in large raised lettering on body, O in COX is below C & X, open space between legs. (Mfgr. ?) |
| 1920 D 47 | 5/8 x 11/16" Pewter Rooster: Almost identical to 1920 D 46 except COX is in smaller lettering, all letters are on same level. (Mfgr. ?) |
| 1920 D 48 | 5/8 x 11/16" Pewter Rooster: Almost identical to 1920 D 46 & 47, except wing is shown instead of lettering, legs closer together, toes of rooster very pronounced. (Mfgr. ?) |
| 1920 D 49 | 3/4" (tip of tail to end of ear) x 9/16" Ivory Donkey: COX in black lettering on body of ivory donkey, stud back. (Mfgr. ?) |

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